

CHRISTOPHER BRADLEY.

JANUARY 20, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 5936.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5936) entitled "A bill granting an increase of pension to Christopher C. Bradley," beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do pass, with amendments:

This is a bill enacting that the Secretary of the Interior be authorized and directed to place the name of Christopher C. Bradley, late of Company E, Second Regiment Wisconsin Cavalry, on the pension roll, subject to the limitations and provisions of the pension laws, and cause to be paid to him a pension of \$50 per month in lieu of the pension now received by him.

The records show that soldier was mustered into service September 2, 1864, as a private in Company E, Second Wisconsin Cavalry, to serve one year, and was honorably discharged June 12, 1865; was treated in hospital while in service for catarrhal disease of eye and for diarrhea. He is now a pensioner at \$10 per month, for chronic diarrhea and resulting disease of rectum, and also disease of eyes. He testifies that he contracted inflammation of eyes caused by severe cold and exposure in service, and also contracted chronic diarrhea about same time, which resulted in ulceration of rectum.

It appears from affidavits of six of his acquaintances that he lost nearly all of his left hand in a sawmill, and that five or six years ago the bones of his right hand were removed so as to entirely cripple his hand; that in 1892 he necessarily lost his left foot by an amputation just above ankle joint on account of gangrene; that he is now almost blind and on several occasions during past four or five years has been confined to his bed, from chronic attacks of diabetes, chronic diarrhea, and piles, for months at a time; that he is totally disabled for the performance of manual labor and is helpless; that he has no means of support but his pension, and no property other than a house and lot worth not to exceed \$700 occupied as a residence by himself and family, and that he is in almost constant need of medical attendance.

It also appears from affidavits of four physicians that they attended the soldier at different times, one to examine his eyes, the attendance

of the other three covering treatment for the afflictions above mentioned—the amputations and surgical operations referred to—and adding testimony as to soldier's total inability to perform manual labor.

Your committee believe this to be a meritorious case for Congressional relief, and recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendments:

Strike out "fifty" and insert "thirty," in line 8.

Strike out the initial "C." in line 5, in the name of soldier in the bill.

Strike out the initial "C." in the name in the title of the bill, so that title shall read: "Granting an increase of pension to Christopher Bradley."

